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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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SUBJECT: ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON ISTANBUL

AIRPORT INCIDENT

1. IN PRESS STATEMENT PUBLISHED AUGUST 17, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SALIM SABAH AL-SALIM (MINSOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOR) BECAME FIRST GOK OFFICIAL TO COMMENT ON ISTANBUL TERRORIST OPERATION.

2. SHAYKH SALIM LAMENTED THAT LEBANESE CRISIS DEFIED ANALYSIS, THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT JUST WHEN THERE ARE ISSUES WHICH CAN BE EXPLOITED FOR BENEFIT OF PALESTINE CAUSE, AN INCIDENT IS "CONCOCTED" TO OBSCURE IT. HE GAVE AS EXAMPLE FALL OF TAL ZA'TAR. AT TIME WHEN IT WAS ATTRACTING SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION TOWARD PALESTINE PEOPLE, SOME PEOPLE "CONCOCTED" INCIDENT AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT. SHAYKH SALIM

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REFUSED TO SAY THAT THE TWO INCIDENTS WERE RELATED OR

THAT ISTANBUL EFFORT WAS DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY SOME TO
DETRACT FROM IMPACT OF TAL ZATAR.

3. SHAYKH SALIM ADDED THAT ELEMENTS PRESUMABLY HOSTILE
TO KUWAIT WERE PLAYING UP THE KUWAITI CONNECTION WITH BOTH
ENTEBBE AND ISTANBUL INCIDENTS. REGARDING ENTEBBE, NEWS
AGENCIES HAD REPORTED THAT HIJACKERS TOOK OFF FROM
KUWAIT OR BOOKED THEIR TICKETS HERE, AND REGARDING
ISTANBUL THE FACT THAT KUWAITI PASSPORTS WERE USED
SEEMED TO INTEREST NEWS AGENCIES. WITHOUT ADDRESSING
VERACITY OF THESE REPORTS, MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT SUCH
NEWS IS INTENDED TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFUSION
IN KUWAIT.
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